

ABOUT THE DURHAM ZONING ATLAS

The digital Durham Zoning Atlas (or individual map sheets from it) may be accessed via the Planning Department's web page on the City of Durham's website. Point your browser to the following URL: <http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/planning/>

The atlas is comprised of 105 individual map sheets, as well as a cover index sheet, and a street index. You may choose to download a particular map sheet (typical file size -- 100 to 400 kb each), or you may download the entire atlas (approximately 23 MB).

VIEWING ZONING ATLAS SHEETS

Each map sheet is in Adobe Acrobat pdf format. If you don't have Acrobat Reader, you will need to download this software before you can view the maps. Direct your web browser to the following URL (on the Adobe website): <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

The zoning atlas is best viewed and printed in color. Typically the map in the pdf file is set for "fit to page." When the file is printed, it will use the default page size of the printer you specify, regardless of the original page size. If the map doesn't fit on the page when printed, there may be a printer setting called "fit to page" which needs to be activated.

ACCURACY AND CURRENCY OF INFORMATION

Information depicted on the zoning atlas is for reference purposes only and is compiled from the best available sources. The City of Durham and County of Durham assume no responsibility for errors arising from the misuse of these maps. Please contact the Durham City-County Planning Department to verify the status of information shown on the maps.

The zoning atlas is dynamic in nature, and the various map sheets will be updated on a regular basis, as changes in zoning occur. Each map sheet contains a "last modified" date on the right-hand column, just below the disclaimer statement. The date will likely be different for each map sheet, depending upon the last changes made to any given geographic area. If you are interested in a particular map sheet, it may be a good idea to download the latest version of that map sheet from the Planning web page. (However, even the most current version available on the web page may not necessarily reflect the most up-to-date information.)

IDENTIFYING THE PROPER MAP SHEET(S)

If you have the pin number for a parcel, you can view the zoning atlas sheet on which that parcel is located. The zoning atlas index uses the first four digits of the pin number as the zoning atlas map number.

Alternately, if you know the name of a road near which the parcel is located, you can use the street index to determine which map sheet(s) correspond to that road. Please keep in mind that certain roads can be located on several different map sheets, so it would work to your advantage to look up shorter roads, if possible.

The street index lists all street names alphabetically, including various aliases. You also have the ability to use the "find" function in Acrobat Reader. Simply type in as much of the street name as you want (pay particular attention to spelling) and then click the "find" button. If Acrobat finds any matches, it will highlight them for you in the document.